## **OPINION SUMMARY**

## MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI,	) ED98930
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Respondent,	) Appeal from the Circuit Court
	) of St. Louis County
v.	) 9SL-CR00060-01
	)
LELAND BEASLEY, JR.,	) Honorable Carolyn C. Whittington
	)
Appellant.	) Filed: December 24, 2013

Leland Beasley, Jr. (Defendant) appeals his convictions following a jury trial of three counts of child molestation in the first degree, four counts of statutory sodomy in the first degree, one count of attempted statutory sodomy in the first degree, one count of attempted statutory sodomy in the second degree, one count of promoting child pornography in the first degree, and three counts of possession of child pornography. He argues the trial court plainly erred in admitting certain evidence and in failing to intervene in the State's closing argument.

## AFFIRMED.

<u>Division Four Holds</u>: It was error for the trial court to admit Defendant's statements regarding ownership of a black box containing incriminating evidence, because police did not give Defendant <u>Miranda</u> warnings until after eliciting his statements. However, such error did not result in manifest injustice given the overwhelming evidence of Defendant's guilt. The trial court did not plainly err in admitting video evidence of Defendant shaving a boy's legs for the purpose of establishing Defendant's identity as an operator of the video camera used to create numerous videos containing evidence supporting the charges against Defendant. Finally, there was no error, plain or otherwise, in the trial court's decision to allow the prosecutor's closing argument, as it consisted of reasonable inferences from the evidence.

Opinion by: Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., J.

Lisa S. Van Amburg, P.J., and Patricia L. Cohen, J., concur.

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